

**CITY OF CARLSBAD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM
PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Carlsbad is eligible to receive funding, on an annual basis from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to finance projects, which serve the needs of lower income persons. The funds are to be used to develop viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities for lower income persons. The City will also receive funding under the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, as a participant in the San Diego County HOME Consortium. The funds will be used to increase the supply of decent affordable housing to lower income persons.

The total amount of CDBG funds available to the City for the 2014-2015 program year is unknown at this stage in the federal budgeting process. However, it is anticipated that the City may receive less than the \$470,769 allocation it received for the 2013-2014 program year. It is estimated that a total of up to \$95,154 of the new funds will be available for the City's administration of the program and approximately \$70,615 will be available for public service activities. It is estimated that up to \$153,500 will be available for affordable housing, and up to \$152,500 may be available for facility improvements or other eligible projects. The total amount of new HOME funds available for allocation to eligible projects is anticipated to be less than \$148,300.

To develop a CDBG/HOME Program that meets the needs of the lower income population, the City of Carlsbad requests assistance from members of the community. Citizen participation is critical to the success of the Program. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 to obtain comments on the draft 2014-2015 CDBG/HOME Funding Plan. The City encourages all community organizations to consider the needs of lower income persons within Carlsbad and to submit a proposed project, or projects, for consideration by the City Council at a future public hearing.

Organizations are strongly discouraged from applying for funds unless they are ready to implement the activity proposed for funding. A matching funds requirement will be applied to CDBG funded public facilities/improvement activities. Documentation showing use of those matching funds would be required prior to distribution of CDBG funds for activities under that category. CDBG funding for amounts of \$100,000 or more will be made in the form of a deferred, no interest loan, to be forgiven in twenty years if the facility remains in use for purposes as stated in the application.

The City of Carlsbad is committed to using CDBG/HOME funds to finance projects/services that provide direct benefit to lower income residents. **It is also the City's intent to approve CDBG/HOME projects that do not result in the displacement of lower income persons from their homes. Therefore, all persons submitting project proposals to the City should consider the displacement impact upon lower income households.** If the City does approve a project that results in displacement of lower income households, the City will provide relocation assistance as required in Section 570.606(b)(2) of the federal regulations for the CDBG program.

All organizations wishing to submit a project for funding consideration under the CDBG/HOME program must obtain an application package from the City of Carlsbad's Housing and Neighborhood Services Department. Interested persons may call (760) 434-2818 to obtain an application. **All project proposals must be submitted to: CDBG Administrator, Housing & Neighborhood Services Department, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008 prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2013. Organizations that have not received CDBG/HOME funds from the City of Carlsbad within the last three years must attend an orientation meeting at the above location on November 20, 2013 at 3:00 PM.** Persons who have questions or comments regarding the City of Carlsbad's CDBG/HOME Program may contact the CDBG Administrator at (760) 434-2818, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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